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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 6 has been amended to switch the locations of "YES" and "NO" at the branches from step S207, in accordance with the disclosure in the specification in the paragraph bridging pages 36 and 37.

Submitted herewith are a corrected sheet of formal drawing which incorporates the amendments and an annotated sheet showing the changes made thereto.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the drawings be approved and entered.

THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate subject matter based on (now canceled) claim 5 and to more clearly recite the features of the present invention.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 8, which was rejected under 35 USC 101, has been canceled.

New claim 9 has been added to recite that the information outputting program is executable by the computer to perform setting of an image information changeover effect for a slide show using the image information, based on the disclosure in the specification at, for example, page 29, lines 15 and 16.

And new claims 10 and 11 have been added to recite subject matter previously recited in claim 4.

In addition, the claims have also been amended to make some clarifying amendments, including some grammatical improvements and corrections of some minor antecedent basis problems so as to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-3, 5, and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 2001-103415 ("Kiso et al"); claim 4 was rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of Kiso et al and JP 2000-200475 ("Matsumoto"); and claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of Kiso et al. These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims set forth hereinabove.

According to the present invention as recited in amended claim 1, a recording medium is provided which stores: (a) unique identification information of the recording medium; (b) image information; (c) an information outputting program which is executable by a computer to output images based on the image information; and (d) an automatic copying program. As recited in amended claim 1, moreover, when the recording medium is inserted in the computer, the automatic copying program is executed automatically by the computer to: (i) save copy information of the information outputting program in a specific location of the computer, (ii) determine whether or not an information storage area having identification information that is the same as the unique identification information of the recording medium is present in the specific location, and (iii) if it is determined that no information storage area identification that is the same as the unique identification information is present in the specific location, to create an information storage area having identification information that is the same as the unique identification information of the recording medium in the specific location and to save copy information of the image information in the created information storage area.

On page 4 of the Office Action, with respect to claim 5, the Examiner refers to paragraph 14 of Kiso et al (specifically the

created sequence table of Kiso et al) with respect to the unique identification recited in claim 5.

Paragraph 14 of Kiso et al describes the creation of a sequence table 4b that is created and saved at a hard disk 4. This sequence table disclosed Kiso et al indicates the order of display of images in a slide show (paragraph [0021] and abstract, for example). It is respectfully submitted that the sequence table of Kiso et al clearly does not correspond to unique identification of a recording medium as recited in claim 1. That is, the sequence table of Kiso et al is clearly identification information of image files, not unique identification of the CD-ROM 6 of Kiso et al.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that Kiso et al does not disclose, teach or suggest an automatic copying program as recited in claim 1 which, when the recording medium is inserted in the computer, is executed automatically by the computer to:

- (i) save copy information of the information outputting program in a specific location of the computer, (ii) determine whether or not an information storage area having identification information that is the same as the unique identification information of the recording medium is present in the specific location, and
- (iii) if it is determined that no information storage area identification that is the same as the unique identification information is present in the specific location, to create an

information storage area having identification information that is the same as the unique identification information of the recording medium in the specific location and to save copy information of the image information in the created information storage area.

For example, as shown in Fig. 8 of the present application, "20020420000100001" is the unique information identification and a directory (image storage area) is provided having the name of "20020420000100001".

With the structure recited in claim 1, it is possible to manage comprehensively the image information stored in a computer, by storing the image information in an identifiable manner inside the computer. As a result, it is possible to enjoy slide shows easily because the tasks of selecting or searching for the image information inside the computer are simplified.

It is respectfully submitted that Kiso et al does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention recited in amended independent claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Matsumoto has merely been cited for the disclosure of music audio files.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended claim 1 and claims 2-4, 6 and 9-11 depending therefrom clearly patentably distinguishes over Kiso

et al and Matsumoto, taken singly or in combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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